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The influence of forests on the flow of streams, has been very carefully considered of late years. By most writers of authority it has been shown that in regions abounding in forests, the streams flow more evenly, there being more dry periods and not so many freshets as in treeless sections of the country, where the water can run unobstructed into the nearest tributary, consequently the cutting down of forests by the lumbermen and farmers has been made to account for some recent droughts and floods.

Mr. R. L. Fulton, of Nevada, a close observer and an able writer ventilates his views in the April issue of the *Science*, and gives convincing reasons for believing that the precise opposite is the actual state of things. He states, that many close observers, after years of investigation have reached the conclusion that if there is any difference in the flow of the streams, and the size of the springs before and after the trees were cut down the balance is in favor of the cleared sections.

The presence of trees promotes the melting of snow, and hinders the formation of immense snow drifts. He says "By forming solid bodies of snow, the most effective means of saving water for summer is reached." He claims that the most effective force of work, to save our rivers in the drifting winds heaping up the snow in great banks and in this the trees are a constant obstacle. Were it not for the vast drifts which hold the snow in an icy grasp until late in the summer, all the horrors prophesied from spring floods and summer droughts would be realized. This able writer and competent authority however, says that while he is anxious to establish what he believes to be the truth on this question, he is no enemy to trees. "In any case I do not wish to be understood favoring their destruction of this or any other country. I never cut down a tree in my life, and I never saw one fall without feeling I had lost a friend. What ever is proven, there will be always abundant reasons for preserving extensive tracts of woodland everywhere that trees will grow, and it is time the matter became one of public concern. In pasture lands trees should be left on the ridges and groves here and there on the hill sides, for reasons that will make themselves very apparent, in dry seasons."

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Attention, Ye Men of Note.

The Primary is over, and Marvin Chapel is sold for five silver (\$1). To prove it, an all-day song has been arranged, and the ladies (they are the freestones) will give a featured, the proceeds to be used to buy an organ for the Sunday School. Let everybody come and help in the good cause.

June 25th is the date. Marvin Chapel is the place. Let everybody be in line. To join them in the race.

## The Centre of Population.

Nothing should please a writer for the papers more than the impression that his good readers are pleased and benefitted by his efforts. It appears that many were interested in what was written about the centre of population, and would like to be informed as to the localities that have been centres of population from 1790 to 1890.

The first point was twenty-three miles east of Baltimore; the second in 1800, "was eighteen miles west of Baltimore; in 1810 forty miles north-west of Washington, D. C.; in 1820 sixteen miles north of Woodstock, Va.; 1830, nineteen miles west south-west of Moorefield, W. Va., one hundred and sixty miles from the first centre of population.

By 1840 it had moved fifty-five miles to sixteen miles south of Clarksburg, W. Va. In 1850 we find the point twenty-three miles east-east of Parkersburg, W. Va., having moved fifty-five miles again. By 1860, the point having lingered in West Virginia thirty years, went into Ohio, twenty miles south of Chillicothe, moving eighty-one miles. In 1870, the point turns up forty-eight miles east by north of Cincinnati, Ohio, moving forty-two miles. Then in 1880, the point was found eight miles west by south of Cincinnati, having migrated fifty-eight miles.

Then after a stay of thirty years in the Buckeye State, it slipped over into Indiana, where the census officers found it twenty miles east of Columbus, Ohio, having moved forty-eight miles in the meantime.

So at present the point is 39 degrees, 12 minutes N. latitude, 85 degrees and 33 minutes W. Longitude, twenty miles east of Columbus, Indiana.

Let it be remembered that the centre of population means the point at which the number of people to the north is equal to the number at the south of it, and so likewise the numbers east and west of it are virtually equal. The movement of this centre of population for a hundred years has been a theme of constant wonder and surprise to those who have given it close attention. It started at 39 degrees, wavered southwardly, and in 1830 touched the lowest point, twenty miles south of the 39th degree, about nineteen miles south-west of Moorefield, W. Va. By 1890 it wavers back northwardly, about sixteen miles beyond the 39th degree, and is now twenty miles east of Columbus, Indiana, 39 degrees and 12 minutes N. latitude, 85 degrees and 33 minutes W. longitude. W. T. P.

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## Valley Head Items.

Not seeing anything in the columns of your paper from this part of the lonely vineyard, I thought I would give you a few items.

The election is first, and crops of all kinds look promising.

The election of the 13th inst is over, and the candidates who were defeated are now on a trip up salt river.

We have been informed that there is a young man by the name of "Snowflake" on or near Dry Branch who seems to have his mind very much absorbed in matters altogether unauthentic. We would advise this young man slinger, the next time he has an occasion to open his fly trap, through the columns of a newspaper, with regard to parties visiting the seven wonders of the world, together with other places of so great magnificence, not to draw so deeply upon his imagination for facts, but simply cut the fuse just a little shorter so that the explosion may occur near about the proper time.

S. G. Simmons is conducting a class in vocal music at Point Mountain.

J. E. Bing, who is engaged in the mercantile business at this place, is getting along fine.

Our friend J. W. Jones, who has been at Davis City for quite a while has returned to his home near Valley Head.

Our good and enterprising friend M. B. Doff, of Beverly, made us a pleasant call quite recently.

Z. Simmons is at work preparing a cage; I presume he contemplates capturing the bird in the near future.

John C. Swecker, of Cheat Mountain, is moving about once more and shaking hands with his many friends. It is supposed that he will commence work soon.

Our friend Brad Lonk, who has been troubled for quite a while with a shaking of the voluntary muscles, caused principally by a severe scare, is we are glad to note greatly improved.

Miss Deliah Simmons, who has been very ill for a few days, is at this writing rapidly improving.

B. N. Kayburn is working at Huttonsville.

A RUN FOR LIFE.

J. R. Crickard, while out on the mountains a few days ago on business, luckily captured a cub bear. In his great desire to escape with his prisoner, a nip and tuck affair resulted between John and the old mother bear, wherein a close race for life was run, resulting in a complete victory for Mr. Crickard. Had it not been that he was very fleet of foot, and had not far to run the neighbors were apprised of his flangeous situation, he would surely have been used up!

WICKUM.

"CONSIDERING."

There Were Some Drawbacks to Her Generally Good Health.

Old Mrs. Parlin had reached the age of 91 years, and her two daughters, both women of nearly 50, were often heard to say that the old woman "took as much comfort as anybody." Their unchanging affection failed to see the changes that were so pathetically apparent to others.

"June Ann and I don't get about so much as we would like to, on account of mother," Mrs. Patten remarked, in response to an invitation to visit a relative in a neighboring town. "You see June Ann, living next door as she does, takes about as much care of mother as I do, so it sort of ties us both."

"Isn't your mother well?" "Yes, land sakes, mother's as well as can be; or she would be, if twain't for her age. I tell 'em mother enjoys as much as most of 'em. She can't see as well as she used to, of course; fact is, she can't see much of any; but she's real well."

"Mother don't seem to hear so well as she did," ventured June Ann, "but I suppose that's no more than natural."

"She's a dreadful smart woman, if she is my mother," rejoined Mrs. Patten, "and it's wonderful for a woman of her age."

"I suppose she enjoys going about to see the neighbors," suggested the visitor.

"Fifty miles! Mother hasn't set foot out of the house for more'n two years; we wouldn't dare trust her. The rheumatism has sort of crippled her up, but besides that, I don't see but she means about as smart as ever, don't you think she does, June Ann?"

"Yes, she seems real well, considering her age. Her head don't agree with her, and she doesn't relish her meals so well as she might, but beyond that she gets along real well," replied June Ann.

"I suppose she likes to have people run in and visit with her as well as ever," remarked the visitor.

"Well, she would like to see people as well as ever, mother would, if she had her favorites; but you see, she doesn't mean to annoy much, most of the time; it is twain't for that she'd take a sight of comfort coming home. But she's not so apt to get into bad humors, and she seems comfortable enough when her rheumatism sets in, so when she has one of her moaning spells. June Ann and I are real thankful that mother keeps up so well as she does."—"I wish it was me."

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THERE ARE NO prisoners in the jail at present, the last was released last Saturday on bail.

The Marlinton hotel is undergoing repairs and a new roof will be put on.

E. M. ARBORETT, sheriff of Highland County, was attacked and badly hurt by an enraged bull.

The clerk of the circuit court is copying the record in the case of A. M. McLaughlin vs. J. T. McGraw et al in which the defendants will ask for an appeal.

A JUSTICE tried John C. McNeil and Red Golden recently very disastrously for Golden, he being judged to the amount of \$25 and costs of the suit.

The many friends of Mr. R. K. Burns, deputy-sheriff, will be glad to hear that in the settlement of his accounts as deputy-sheriff and clerk there was a considerable balance in his favor.

So far we have had a remarkable season and the crops are at least ten days earlier than the average season. Wheat will be about all cut by the 4th of July which is the beginning of wheat cutting some years.

J. R. SCHRIEBER, of Droop Mountain, has succeeded well with a new variety of wheat. An average bushel contained 108 grains, there being seven grains to the bushel. It expects a yield of thirty bushels per acre.

It is said that a certain citizen of this county tells of a wonderful catch of fish at some place in the river. He says that he caught 100 fish that averaged two pounds apiece and that he never had such a lot to carry before or since.

A LADY at Morgantown named Maderia attempted to commit suicide by drinking varnish and matches but did not succeed. She afterwards tried the old standbys the razor and shot guns but was unable to use them.

The new Methodist Church is under way, the ground having been broken for the foundation. The church is situated opposite the saddle shop. A raft containing the lumber to be used in it arrived at the mooring place on the last tide.

It was reported that a certain minister of the county had presented an alternate road-law petition to the Board of Supervisors of Droop County, where he was holding services. We are glad to state that the report was unfounded and denied by the minister as an "infamous falsehood."

The Marvin Chapel festival last Saturday is pronounced a success. Over two hundred persons present, and about sixty-five dollars taken in—amplly sufficient to procure the style of organ desired. Rev. G. P. Moore and Rev. Dill favored the audience with appropriate addresses, encouraging the movement.

On the 19th of June, Henry Magard, colored, was executed in Cotington. He is accorded the distinction of being the foremost criminal of the period in his particular line of misconduct. He was charged with three crimes, all of which he was found guilty of. He was sentenced to the gallows for the most brutal of the charges preferred and he was never tried. The particulars are so revolting that we spare our readers the names their recital most necessarily produce in every pure and refined mind. The execution was held at 10 o'clock, and he was not drunk know what knowledge of the offense for which he was executed, and protested to that effect to the last moment.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 24, much damage was done and some lives lost in Marshall, Wetzel, and Tyler Counties occasioned by a terrific cold-blast at about three o'clock. In the vicinity of Sistersville, Tyler County, the most heavy snow was created by food and storm. The cold-blast was so severe that everything was frozen before them. In one instance five men were in one wagon, and only two were rescued alive. Not far from Sistersville the Ohio River Railroad was struck out a mile and a half. The cold-blast was so severe that the water in the river froze up to about Monacahtle, Marshall County, will frost up several thousand dollars. New Martinsville, in Wetzel County, was seriously threatened by fishing hook. The inhabitants fled to the hills. It is believed that the cold-blast from the country districts that the damage are extensive, many houses are washed away, and it is feared there has been considerable loss of life. In the morning of the 25th day there was a warm and clear day, but the cold-blast was so severe that the water in the river froze up to about Monacahtle, Marshall County, will frost up several thousand dollars. New Martinsville, in Wetzel County, was seriously threatened by fishing hook. The inhabitants fled to the hills. It is believed that the cold-blast from the country districts that the damage are extensive, many houses are washed away, and it is feared there has been considerable loss of life.

PERSONAL. A MASON'S VIEW

Miss Florence Ponge one of Ponge's Lane's eldest girls was visiting in Marlinton last week, and favored this office with a visit and saw where printing is done.

Mr. B. T. Flower, of Knappa Creek, passed through town Friday, on his return from Mill Point. He is a soldier man from way-back and rejoices in the prospect of his "free and unlimited" clothing.

Jacob Sharp was very unwell at the latest address.

Morris Sharp, the veteran miller, has rented out his river property, and taken charge of the McLaughlin mill, near Elkins.

Miss Minnie Early and son, of Union, paid her friends a busy visit last week and had the pleasure of finding her mother, Mrs. Agnes Leary, in comfortable health company.

S. B. Courly, of Daleville, Botetourt, Va., accompanied by his wife and four children are visiting relatives and acquaintances in Hantsville and vicinity. Mr. Courly has attentively read the article on the Lost Tribes and thinks there is no mistake about their being correct. The subject was not new to him as he had read a well written book sometime previously, named the "Two Sticks," Ezekiel 37: 16-19.

Mr. Albert A. C. Beaulieu, of Hot Springs, spent Sunday night in Hantsville. He has but recently returned from Wisconsin and other points in the north west and reports affairs to be in a ferment, financially, pecuniarily and politically.

Miss Ruby Ralston, of Green Bank is visiting Miss Sallie Yeager at this time.

Mrs. Anna L. Price has returned from Richmond accompanied by her nephew J. W. Randolph, who will spend the summer in Marlinton.

Misses Ripshap, Sallie, and Mary, daughters of Mrs. Emma Dudley, Staunton, Va., are visiting at Mrs. E. L. Beard's, Academy, W. V. N. C. McNeil, the next Republican Senatorial nominee, has returned from a tour of the district and reports everything favorable to his candidacy.

Fred Wallace, of Mill Point, is thinking of beginning to practice law at Oakland, the county seat of Garrett County, Maryland.

DRY BRANCH.

At the road-working last week a great excitement was occasioned by an altercation between two prominent men of this place, and their courage getting the better of their prudence they came to blows. The dispute arose about the manner in which the road should be worked, and the word "liar" was passed. One was hurt considerably by a cut on the arm, but he is able to be out again. During the clinch they went over a bluff fifteen feet high.

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It's strange indeed that someone did not set the woods on fire last week. Allan Burner and wife have gone on a visit to St. Paul, Minn.

Mrs. G. W. Siple and Peter Warwick are visiting in Highland and Bath Counties.

Mr. Rock and son Jim paid the Levels a visit last week. Mr. C. P. Kerr and Miss Ella are visiting in Elkins.

The lumber sale on the Greenbrier was largely attended. Parties waiting first class white pine lumber can get it by applying to C. B. Swecker, at \$7.00 per thousand, on the bank of the Greenbrier River.

James Wanless is off to Beverly and Elkins. N. G. Anderson spent one day in town last week.

Hon. I. B. Moore was in town last week. J. A. Moore brought up a load of lumber with his fine team. John has the finest team in the county.

The next thing he wants is a woman and is making good headway. Harry Patterson and sister spent Monday in town.

Jessie Patterson has gone to Baltimore for medical treatment. Mrs. A. W. Gunn is visiting at her father's.

B. M. Yeager was here Sunday. Preparations are being made to commence work on the Alexander church, at Drifwood.

The church at Glade Hill will be finished soon. Things will be done up in a rag and a bob tied around it on the 4th so says the peanut.

JACOB FAIRVIEW. Jacob Sharp, who has been confined to his room for the last eighteen months, with rheumatism, is some worse.

Edgar Williams, who had the misfortune to fall from a cherry-tree and break his leg in two places, is improving.

Neal Barlow will erect a dwelling-house on his farm soon. Alex Sharp is digging a well.

John Ponge had the misfortune last week to break a couple of bones in his foot, which will necessitate his laying up for repairs a few weeks.

David Dilly has returned from Beverly. The Fairview Sunday School has an enrollment of 72 scholars. To the effect of T. J. Williams and Frank Devine the school has progressed favorably.

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